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1. INDOCHINA

DOS THURS RELEASED DOCUMENTS DISCLOSING EX-PRES NIXON IN 1973 SECRETLY OFFERED NVN UP TO 5 BILLION DOLS IN RE-CONSTRUCTION/FOOD AID. IN RECENT LTR TO REP WOLFF, NIXON SAID OFFER BECAME INVALID DUE HANOI VIOLATIONS C-F (WSJ; CHITRIB; SUN). PRES CARTER SAID US NOT OBLIGATED PROVIDE ANY SUCH AID FOR HANOI; WH SOURCES STATE NIXON PROPOSAL NOT BINDING ON CARTER (CSM). NYT CARRIES FULL TEXTS NIXON 1973 MESSAGE TO PHAM VAN DONG/RECENT NIXON LTR
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TO WOLFF (D-NY) RE LTR TO DONG.

HOVEY (NYT) NOTES NIXON TOLD DONG IN LTR THAT US WOULD FURNISH AID "WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS," BUT IN LTR TO WOLFF SAID DUE FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS C-F, THERE IS NO MORAL/LEGAL COMMITMENT PROVIDE AID TO HANOI. REP WOLFF THURS CONFIRMED CONGRESS/US PUBLIC "CONSISTENTLY MISLED" RE

EXISTENCE SECRET NEGOTS, CRITICIZED HAK. MENTIONED ADDITION TO DONG LTR SAID AID PLEDGE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY EACH GOVT IN ACCORDANCE ITS OWN CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS. HOVEY SAYS OBVIOUS WOLFF SUBCMTE MEMBERS BELIEVE MANY QUESTIONS RE

AID LTR STILL UNANSWERED. QUOTES USEC HABIB LAST JULY RE LTR THAT "WE HAVE RESEARCHED IT AND THERE IS NO AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO AID INVOLVED IN THAT LETTER."

LESCAZE (WP) QUOTES WOLFF THAT FORMER SECSTATES ROGERS/HAK MISLED CONGRESS BY NOT INFORMING OF NIXON AID PLEDGE; WILL CALL HAK/ROGERS/HABIB BEFORE SUBCMTE ON ASIAN/PAC AFFAIRS TO EXPLAIN SECRECY SURROUNDING AID PROMISE TO HANOI. POINTS OUT WOLFF MADE CLEAR LTR TEXT MADE PUBLIC IN ORDER BURY IT.

SUPPLY EGGS/FISH/PORK IN HANOI FELL FAR SHORT DEMAND DURING 3 YRS SINCE WAR'S END (WP). SWEDISH FONMIN ACCEPTS INVITATION FOR OFFICIAL VISIT SRV. EXPECTS GO EARLY NEXT YR (JOC).

2. MALAYSIA

ROBERT MILLER CONFIRMED AS AMB BY SENATE 5/19 (AP, SUN).

3. INDONESIA

ARMED FORCES NEWSPAPER "ANGKATA BERSUNJATA" REPORTED 5/20 THAT AMB NEWSOM CONVEYED TO DEFMIN PANGGAEEAN WEDNESDAY UNCLASSIFIED

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US DECISION TO STOP MIL AID TO GOI NEXT YEAR. PAPER QUOTES PANGGAEEAN AS SAYING GOI WILL RECEIVE FINAL AID OF 18 MILL DOLS THIS YEAR; NOT CONCERNED ABOUT US ACTION, MANY COUNTRIES HAVE OFFERED SELL GOI ARMS, BUT GOI NOT INTERESTED IN TRYING BUY US ARMS ABANDONED IN VN--WHICH "NOT WELL MAINTAINED" AND "MAY NOT SUIT US" (REUTER JAKARTA).

WSJ REPORTS GOI, IN EFFORT REVIVE LAGGING OIL EXPLORATION, HAS GRANTED NEW INCENTIVES TO FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES OPERATING THERE--LATEST, ANNOUNCED IN JAKARTA AND CONFIRMED BY SOME US OIL FIRMS PRODUCING INDONESIAN OIL, PROVIDES COMPANIES OPERATING UNDER "CONTRACTS OF WORK" CAN KEEP 50 CENTS MORE PER BARREL FOR "NEW" OIL PRODUCED OVER 5 YRS THAT BEGAN JAN 1.

GOI ANNOUNCED 5/20 IT HAS DECIDED FREEZE OIL PRICES UNTIL END OF YEAR. MINING MIN SADLI TOLD NEWSMEN GOVT HOPES MOVE WILL PAVE WAY TO ENDING CURRENT 2-TIER PRICES ON

WORLD MARKETS (REUTER JAKARTA).

4. SINGAPORE/JAPAN

JAPANESE FOMINISTRY ANNOUNCED 5/20 THAT LEE KUAN YEW WILL MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO JAPAN MAY 29-JUNE 1; WILL HAVE TALKS WITH FUKUDA/OTHER GOP LEADERS; WILL SIGN AGREEMENT ON JAPAN'S CONTRIBUTION OF 3 BILLION YEN TO GOS' HUGE PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT (REUTER TOKYO).

5. JAPAN

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MITI SAYS JAPANESE CABINET HAS APPROVED AGREEMENT RESTRICT COLOR TV EXPORTS TO US. SPOKESMAN TANAKA TOLD PRESS CONF 5/20 FINAL AGREEMENT HAMMERED OUT BETW STRAUSS/MASUDA BY PHONE, TO BE SIGNED IN WASHINGTON FRI (REUTER TOKYO).

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JAPAN/USSR REACHED AGREEMENT 5/19 ON ALL MAJOR POINTS TO BE COVERED IN NEW FISHING ACCORD. SOV FISHERIES MIN WITHDREW LAST-MINUTE PROPOSALS WHICH HELD UP COMPLETION OF AGREEMENT REGULATING JAPANESE FISHING RTS WITHIN USSR'S 200-MILE ZONE. ACCORD MAY BE INITIALLED OVER WEEKEND BY SOV/JAPANESE FISHERIES MINISTERS (REUTER MOSCOW 5/19).

IN PARLIAMENT 5/20, FUKUDA SAID SEPARATION BETW FISHING ISSUE/TERRITORIAL DISPUTE OVER 4 SOVIET-HELD ISLANDS MAINTAINED IN REACHING BILATERAL FISHING ACCORD, THAT CONTAINS CLAUSE IN WHICH EACH SIDE RESERVES ITS POSITION OVER TERRITORIAL ISSUE. BOTH COUNTRIES WILL NEGOTIATE IN JUNE ANOTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT REGULATING SOVIET FISHING RTS INSIDE JAPAN'S 200-MI ZONE, TO BE DECLARED PROBABLY 7/1 (REUTER TOKYO).

JAPAN-CANADA CULTURAL AGREEMENT, AIMED AT EXPANDED CULTURAL/EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES, RATIFIED BY DIET 5/20 (REUTER TOKYO).

IN SESSION MARKED BY SEVERAL VIOLENT OUTBURSTS, DIET PASSED LAW PERMITTING US MIL FORCES CONTINUE USE PVT LAND ON OKINAWA. PARLIAMENTARY GUARDS CALLED TO BREAK UP FIGHTS BETW OPPOSITION/GOVT LEGISLATORS WEDNESDAY NIGHT AS BILL DEBATED (HORVAT, WP TOKYO).

AT OPENING SEMIANNUAL JAPAN-EC TALKS, EC VP HAFERKAMP WARNED JAPAN REDUCE TRADE SURPLUS W/EUR OR FACE EC PROTECTIONIST MOVES. PREDICTED EUR'S TRADE DEFICIT W/JAPAN COULD SOAR HIGH AS 5 BIL DOLS THIS YR. JAPANESE FOMIN HATOYAMA INSISTED ANY SOLUTION BE CARRIED OUT IN FREE

TRADE FRAMEWORK (UPI, JOC).

THARP (WSJ) DOES LENGTHY ARTICLE FROM TOKYO RE OPTIMISM
JAPANESE EXPORTERS, DESHITE RISING PROTECTIONIST TREND
IN US/EUR. JAPANESE BELIEVE CLAMOR UNLIKELY LEAD TO
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SLAMMING OF DOORS. JAPAN'S EXPORTS ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT
6 PCT TOTAL INTL TRADE/MUCH HIGHER IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIES.
FOR MOST PART, JAPANESE TAKING SERIOUSLY NEED DEFUSE
FON CRITICISM OF THEIR EXPORT SURGE/ANTICIPATE MORE VOLUN-
TARY-RESTRAINT, ORDERLY-MARKETING AGREEMENTS.
WSJ'S KANABAYSHI (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S AUTO MFRS CAUGHT
IN DILEMMA BETW WANTING EXPORT MORE/FEARING IF THEY DO,
US WILL POUNCE ON AUTO IMPORTS AS ON TVS. DESPITE CAUTION,
TOYOTA/DATSUN CHALKING UP RECORD SALES TO US IN 1ST 4
MONTHS '77. JAPANESE AUTO FIRMS SEEK HIDE FAST GROWTH/HAVE
BEEN ADVISED BY MITI AVOID "EXCESSIVE" SALES PROMO ACTIVI-
TIES IN US.

SUN'S SEIDEN (KASHIWAZAKI) DOES ITEM ON JAPAN'S COMMITMENT
TO NUKE ENERGY. BY 1985, JAPANESE ENERGY PLANNERS HOPE
NUKE POWER STATIONS WILL PROVIDE 25 PCT NATION'S NEEDS;
BUT ANTI-NUKE POWER ADVOCATES HAVE DELAYED CONSTRUCTION
ON MOST SITES SO THAT MOST EXPERTS BELIEVE COUNTRY CAN
NO LONGER MEET GOAL. ISSUE COMPLICATED BY CARTER'S ENERGY
POLICY--PRO-NUKE ENERGY FORCES SAY PRES' DRAMATIC DESCRIP-
TION ENERGY SHORTAGE WILL HELP PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT; ANTI-
NUKE FORCES ENCOURAGED BY PRES' OPPOSITION TO POTENTIALLY
DANGEROUS POWER SOURCE.

DUTCH GOVT HAS OPENED INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
IN TOKYO FOR PROMOTING INVESMENT/ATTRACTING BUSINESS
VENTURES FROM JAPAN. ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY DUTCH PRINCE
CLAUS IN NEWS CONF DURING 4-DAY UNOFFICIAL VISIT (UPI,
JOC).

NY-BASED NL INDUSTRIES HAS FORMED JOINT VENTURE, OIL-
INDUSTRY TUBULAR-PRODUCTS MFG CO IN JAPAN W/TEIJIN LTD.
TEN-MIL-DOL PLANT TO BE BUILT IN HIROSHIMA (WSJ).

IN ACCORDANCE W/1,000 YR-OLD CUSTOM, HIROHITO WADED INTO
SMALL RICE PADDY INSIDE IMPERIAL PALACE GROUNDS 5/19,
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PLANTED RICE SEEDLINGS FOR OFFERING TO ISE GRAND SHRINES

10/17 (NYT).

6. KOREA

PRES THURS ORDERED IMMEDIATE RECALL MAJ GEN SINGLAUB AFTER GENL QUESTIONED PLANS W/DRAW US TROOPS (WSJ). SINGLAUB ORDERED REPORT PERSONALLY TO CARTER (UPI, CHITRIB). WH ACKNOWLEDGES PRES ACTED ON BASIS WP STORY (PHINQ; NYT SPEC). LEUBSDORF (SUN) SAYS WH SOURCES MADE CLEAR GENL IN "SOME TROUBLE"; SEES INDICATIONS PRES WILL NOT MAKE FINAL JUDGMENT UNTIL HEARS GENL'S VIEWS DIRECTLY. SINGLAUB ARRIVAL WASHINGTON 5/20.

NYDN HEADLINES: "CARTER RECALLS POPOFF GENERAL"; VOLZ (NYDN) SAYS WH ATTEMPTED PLAY DOWN SINGLAUB'S RETURN. RECALLS MCARTHUR'S RECALL BY HST. WALSH (WP) REPORTS PRES DESCRIBED AS "DISTRESSED AND ANGERED" BY SINGLAUB'S REMARKS. QUOTES US OFFICIAL THAT CARTER FEARS GENL'S REMARKS COULD ENCOURAGE NK TO CONSIDER ANOTHER INVASION SK. PRES' ACTION ON SINGLAUB WINS PRAISE FROM SASC'S CULVER (D-IOWA), WHO PLEASED SEE STRONG ASSERTION CIVILIAN CONTROL. WILSON (WP) DOES BACKGROUNDER ON SINGLAUB.

GEN VESSEY, CMDR US FORCES SK, BACKS PRES' RECALL SINGLAUB (REUTER SEOUL).

DOS' HABIB/JCS' BROWN DUE ARRIVE SEOUL 5/24 FOR INITIAL TALKS ON IMPLEMENTING CARTER POLICY (PHINQ; VOLZ, LEUBSDORF; NYT SPEC). WALSH NOTES SINGLAUB'S CRITICISM CAME AT SENSITIVE TIME, SINCE HABIB/BROWN TO ARRIVE TUES FOR DISCUSSIONS ON CARRYING OUT W/DRAWAL.

SAAR (WP SEOUL) REPORTS 11 WOMEN GARMENT WORKERS JAILED THERE AFTER STRIKING FOR WAGE RAISE. ALLEGED RINGLEADERS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF ILLEGAL STRIKE ARRESTED AT FACTORY GATE/SENTENCED 15-20 DAYS FOR CAUSING DISTURBANCE. ADDS DISSATISFACTION RUNNING HI AT FACTORY WHERE TROUBLE OCCURRED. SAYS DISPUTE HIGHLIGHTS KOREAN WAGE LEVELS, JUST AS US GARMENT WORKERS PROTESTING CHEAP IMPORTS PRODUCED IN "SWEAT SHOPS." MENTIONS ROLE CHRISTIAN URBAN INDUSTRIAL MISSION IN STRIKE.

US-KOREA ECON COUNCIL AFTER SEOUL MTG PROMISES PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SK'S 4TH 5-YR ECON DEV PROGRAM THAT STARTED THIS YR (UPI, JOC). ROKG WILL PUT VALUE-ADDED TAX INTO EFFECT JULY 1; ALSO WILL CONDUCT STUDY ON ALLOWING INCREASE PRICES OIL PRODUCTS (UPI, JOC).

7. CHINA

GEN YANG SEN, FORMER WARLORD WHO SIDED W/CKS/BATTLED MAO, DIED SUNDAY (LUNG CANCER) AT AGE 95. UPI (TAIPEI) REPORT SAYS YANG'S MIL SUCCESS FAILED MATCH COLORFUL FAMILY LIFE/OBSESSION W/PHYSICAL FITNESS--SAYS OFTEN ALLEGED HE LOST COUNT NUMBER WIVES/CONCUBINES/CHILDREN (WP).

AFTER 15-YR GAP, PRC-INDIA HAVE DECIDED RESUME BILATERAL TRADE, ACCORDING GOI ANNOUNCEMENT (WP NEW DELHI).

ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSIONARY EXPERT ON CHINA, FATHER ANGELO LAZZAROTTO, APPEALS TO VATICAN RECONSIDER STATUS 42 BISHOPS IN PRC CONSECRATED W/OUT VATICAN CONSENT AFTER COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN '49. LAZZAROTTO'S CALL IN MILAN-BASED MAGAZINE (WORLD AND MISSION) IMPLIED CLARIFICATION 1ST STEP FOR VATICAN TOWARD OPENING RELS WITH PRC/TERMED CLARIFICATION BISHOPS' STATUS "URGENT"/"BURNING ISSUE" TO BE FACED/STUDIED. SAYS "ILLICITLY ORDAINED PRIESTS"

FREQUENTLY ENCOUNTERED BY WESTERN VISITORS TO PEKING. DOUBTS RE PRIESTS' CANONICAL STATUS/ALLEGED PRO-COMMUNIST LEANINGS SOURCE WORRY TO EUROPEAN DIPS/OTHERS WISHING UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTEND MASS IN PEKING (WP MILAN).

CARTER ADMIN TRIED/FAILED WIN PRC/FRENCH BACKING FOR WORLD BAN ALL NUKE WEAPON TESTS. (SUN) CITES QUALIFIED DIPS AS SAYING PRC DECLINED US PROPOSAL/SAID INTENDS CONTINUE NUKE ARMS TESTS. ADDS CARTER NOT ALLOWING PRC/FRENCH STYMIE HIS INITIATIVE TRANSFORM PARTIAL TEST/BAN TREATY INTO COMPLETE BAN.

FROM SFO, JOC'S ROBB REPORTS ON 11TH WORLD CHINESE TRADES CONVENTION, LARGEST TAIWANESE TRADE CONVENTION HELD OUT-SIDE TAIWAN. SIX HUNDRED CHINESE BUSINESSMEN FROM 30 NATIONS ATTEND 4-DAY MTG WHOSE PURPOSE EXPANDING FOREIGN TRADE/ENCOURAGING FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN TAIWAN/FURTHERING EXCHANGE TECH INFO. CONVENTION FEATURED 325 EXHIBITS OF ROC PRODUCTS/ONE OF MAIN VEHICLES FOR PROMOTING TAIWANESE TRADE. CONVENTION HOST CLARENCE POON TOLD JOC HAD RECEIVED "VERY GOOD" CONVENTION RESPONSE REGARDING MORE US INVESTMENT TAIWAN/TAIWAN PARTICULARLY SEEKING MORE JOINT VENTURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, ETC.

8. AUSTRALIA

FRASER HAS CONTACTED NEW US AMB TO AUSTRALIA ALSTON ABOUT CONTINUING ALLEGATIONS CIA INTERFERENCE IN AUSTRALIAN

AFFAIRS. PM SAID 5/18 HE COULD NOT DISCLOSE DETAILS OF DISCUSSIONS (REUTER, NYT). ALSTON HAS BEEN IN TOUCH SEVERAL TIMES WITH BOTH WH/FRASER, IS PREPARING DETAILED REPORT FOR WASHINGTON (COSTIGAN, WP CANBERRA).

WM HEDRICK, ONE OF 3 AMEMB STAFFERS IN AUSTRALIA NAMED BY FORMER CIA AGENT AGEE AT LONDON PRESS CONF AS CIA AGENT, THURS DENIED ALLEGATION SAYING, "HE IS COMPLETELY OFF BASE ON THAT." OTHER 2 AMEMB EMPLOYEES NAMED BY AGEE COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT (REUTER CANBERRA 5/19). COSTIGAN ADDS DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY ALL 4 NAMED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY AGEE WILL INEVITABLY BE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, DUE FACT THEIR EFFECTIVENESS SEVERELY HAMPERED WHETHER THEIR WORK BE DIPLOMATIC OR INTELLIGENCE.

AUSTRALIAN CO/US FIRM TO FORM 50-50 JOINT VENTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT/PRODUCTION/MARKETING SOLAR ENERGY IN AUSTRALIA (STOVE, JOC SYDNEY).

9. GENERAL

IN ORDERING NEW RESTRICTIONS 5/19 TO REDUCE SALE NON-NUKE ARMS ABROAD, CARTER EXEMPTED NATIONS HAVING "MAJOR DEFENSE TREATIES" W/US; NAMED SPECIFICALLY NATO/W EUR/JAPAN/AUSTRALIA/NZ (WALSH, WP; TREWHITT, SUN; WEINTRAUB, NYT; WSJ).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. CHINA

JOC'S KEATLY CITES REPORTED EXCERPTS HAK PHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH NIXON/ROCKEFELLER CONCERNING NIXON'S '76 PRC TRIP, ETC. ACCORDING REPORTED EXCERPTS, HAK TOLD NIXON HAD READ REPORT ON TRIP, FOUND IT "FASCINATING." NIXON MENTIONED NUANCES OF REPORT. TWO HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION WHEN/IF US COULD RECOGNIZE PRC/DROP RECOGNITION TAIWAN, ETC. HAK ASKED WHETHER PRES ALONE IN MTGS, ETC. IN LATER CONVERSATION W/ROCKEFELLER, HOWEVER, HAK SAID NIXON EGOMANIAC/INDICATED ALL PRES WROTE WAS "JUST WHAT HE SAID. NOTHING WHAT THE CHINESE SAID. PRACTICALLY NOTHING. A FASCINATING ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF." ROCKEFELLER (COMMENTS:) "I LOVE IT."

FROM SHANGHAI, MATHEWS (WP) WRITES OF TABLE-TENNIS IN PRC. SAYS CHINESE ALREADY SEATED AT HEAD WORLD TABLE. IN POST-MAO ERA, WITH EMPHASIS ON PRODUCTIVITY, PEKING MOVING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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OBTAIN SIMILAR RESULTS IN OTHER SPORTS. CITES MAO'S '20S ENDORSEMENT TABLE TENNIS, WHICH, MATHEWS SAYS, PERFECT SPORT FOR POOR/CROWDED NATION. MENTIONS PRC SUCCESS IN WORLD MATCHES/INVOLVEMENT SPORTS CELEBRITY CHUANG TSE-TUNG IN POLITICS/SHANGHAI YOUNGSTERS' PLAYING OF GAME.

11. KOREA

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND SAYS DESPITE JAPAN'S "UNEASINESS," SOME MIL/CIVILIAN EXPERTS' "MISGIVINGS," CARTER GOING AHEAD W/TROOP PULLOUT PLAN SK. NOTES BROWN/HABIB TRIP, FACT WITHDRAWAL POLICY ENJOYS STRONG SUPPORT IN CONGRESS, WHERE RESENTMENT GROWING OVER PARK'S RULE/ALLEGED DIRECTION ILLEGAL LOBBYING EFFORTS IN US. STATES JAPANESE HAVE BEEN "DEEPLY UNHAPPY" OVER DECISION, BUT CONSTRAINED IN BEING "OVERLY VOCAL" DUE DOMESTIC POL REASONS. IN SK, "VIRTUALLY NO ONE FAVORS WITHDRAWAL." MENTIONS BOTH SENIOR US CMDR SK/3RD-RANKING US ARMY GENRL THERE ISSUED WARNINGS, IN WP INTERVIEW, THAT WITHDRAWAL WOULD INCREASE CHANCES WAR W/NK.

SF CHRON (5/13) NOTES BROWN/HABIB TRIP IN KEEPING W/ADMIN'S TIMETABLE; BUT TIMETABLE OF BRIBERY INVESTIGATION IN WASHINGTON "SKEWED BY INERTIA." BELIEVES DESPITE PROTESTS FROM ETHICS CMTE CHRMN FLYNT THAT INVESTIGATION MOVING FASTER THAN EXPECTED, BI-PARTISN DEMANDS FOR SPEEDIER ACTION APPEAR HAVE MERIT. SAYS DEMS BELIEVE AFFAIR COULD BECOME "DEMOCRATIC WATERGATE, AND WELL IT MIGHT." ADDS 6-2 CMTE VOTE REJECTING REP CAPUTO'S PROPOSAL REQUIRING CMTE MEMBERS DISCLOSE RECEIPT FINANCIAL BENEFITS FROM SKOREANS "WILL CERTAINLY NOT BUILD" PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN WHATEVER REPORT FORTHCOMING.

REUTER'S KERR (SEOUL) DOES LENGTHY ITEM ON ADMIN'S HUMAN RTS POLICY RE SK. SAYS DISSIDENTS/DIPLOMATS THERE GENERALLY AGREE CARTER'S HUMAN RTS DIPLOMACY HAS SO FAR HAD

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LITTLE EFFECT ON PARK'S AUTHORITARIAN RULE. DESPITE CONTINUING US PRESSURE, SEEMS LITTLE CHANCE PARK WILL EASE CONTROLS ON DISSENT IN NEAR FUTURE--ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT US TROOP WITHDRAWAL. QUOTES CHRMN POLICY-MAKING CMTE OF RULING PARTY THAT PROTESTS/REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT HUMAN RTS FROM ABROAD "SIMPLY POSTPONE THE DAY WHEN WE CAN START LOOSENING UP." CULTURE/INFO MINISTER DESCRIBED

ANY US ATTEMPT IMPOSE CONFORMITY IN PRACTICING HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLE AS "TANTAMOUNT TO INFRINGING THE MORALITY" WHICH US TRYING UPHOLD. DISSIDENT SOURCES FEEL OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS OUTLOOK UNLIKELY IMPROVE IN NEAR FUTURE DESPITE WORLD ATTENTION NOW FOCUSED ON THEIR ACTIVITIES. NEVERTHELESS, SPORADIC PROTESTS LIKELY CONTINUE.

12. PHILIPPINES

CSM SAYS WITH HERRERA RELEASE, PRES CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE STAND APPEARS "BEARING FRUITS AFAR." FINDS THIS INSTANCE OF US INTERVENTION ON BEHALF PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL IN FOREIGN COUNTRY "ENTIRELY RIGHT AND PROPER"--AND, "TO HIS CREDIT," MARCOS SEES DETERMINED SEE HERRERA'S ATTACKERS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. FEELS CLEARING AIR IN THIS CASE MIGHT HAVE BROADER EFFECT ON PROVIDING IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE FOR TACKLING LARGER US-FILS ISSUES, SUCH AS BASES NEGOTIATIONS--BUT EVEN IF ONLY RESULT OUR HERRERA ACTION IS CURBING OVERZEALOUS POLICE ACTION, THEN US EFFORT STILL WILL HAVE BEEN WORTH THE FUSS.

13. BURMA

MCARTHUR (LAT 5/18) VISITS PAGAN, FINDS 5000 PAGODAS STUNNING SIGHT DESPITE CENTURIES NEGLECT/DECAY/EROSION. NOTES GUB REPAIR WORK ON SOME EARTHQUAKE-DAMAGED TEMPLES; ADDS GOVT DOES NOT HAVE RESOURCES REPAIR ALL DAMAGE/SLOW EROSION/CONTROL LOOTING FOR BANGKOK/HK ANTIQUE MKTS. CONCLUDES GUB COULD GET MORE FUNDS FOR RESTORATION THRU UNCLASSIFIED

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ENCOURAGING INCREASED TOURISM.

14. NIXON'S THIRD TV INTERVIEW

ALL PAPERS COVER NIXON-FROST THURS NIGHT SHOW IN WHICH EX-PRES SAID HAD RIGHT CRUSH ANTI-VN-WAR DISSENT. NIXON ADDED THAT IF NOT FOR DIVISIONS IN US, WAR WOULD HAVE ENDED 1-2 YRS EARLIER.

WP FINDS "REAL NIXON DOCTRINE" IS THEORY OF GOVERNANCE IMPLICIT IN EARLIER DEFENSE WRONGDOING: EX-PRES SAYS HE HAD RESPONSIBILITY THAT WAS ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE TO END VN WAR IN HIS CHOSEN MANNER. NOTES NIXON CONSIDERS SELF "LAST AMERICAN CASUALTY" OF VN WAR--AN IMAGE "TOO COMFORTING."

15. TRADE POLICY

WP NOTES RETREAT TO IMPORT QUOTAS; CALLS IT "DIVE INTO

PROTECTIONISM," BUT BELIEVES WILL PROBABLY DEFLECT CONGRESS FROM DOING WORSE RE IMPORTED SHOES/COLOR TVS. ON COLOR TV SETS, DENIES JAPAN MOUNTED EXPORT OFFENSIVE; STATES US RETAILERS WENT TO JAPAN FOR SET TYPES THEY SAY THEY CANNOT GET IN VOLUME/QUALITY FROM US MANUFACTURERS.

SUN SEES STEEL INDUSTRY'S INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN FOR PROTECTION BEGINNING JUST AS ADMIN SHOWING 1ST SUCCESS W/TRADE POLICY. MENTIONS AGREEMENT W/JAPAN RE COLOR TV SETS/AGREEMENTS W/TAIWAN/SK RE SHOES. CALLS VOLUNTARY BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS PREFERABLE TO UNILATERAL PROTECTIONIST STEPS INDUSTRIES/UNIONS SOUGHT. CHRISTOPHER

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